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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/134,270	<b>Applicant(s)</b> TSURUMOTO, TAKASHI	
	<b>Examiner</b> Andrew Faile	<b>Art Unit</b> 2711	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Andrew Faile. (3) Hunter Lonsberry.  
 (2) Larry Russ. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 25 March 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 13 and 19.

Identification of prior art discussed: LaJoie and Hendricks, both of record.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

  
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued the combination of LaJoie and Hendricks with respect to claim 13. Applicant pointed out that the secondary reference (Hendricks) taught two independent bit streams instead of two bit streams which are linked as called for in claim 13. Applicant further argued that the tables in Figure 5 of LaJoie would not necessarily be sent down in two separate bit streams. It is noted that in column 11, line 45 of LaJoie does disclose that the "service information" is sent via MPEG-2, which is inherently a bit stream, but there is no disclosure of two separate bit streams as specifically called for in claim 13.

The Office Action mailed 10/24/02 is hereby vacated. An Office Action on the merits will be forthcoming.